

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 4400
Hiroshi KUTSUMI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0794A
Serial No. 10/535,394 : Group Art Unit 2146
Filed May 18, 2005 : Examiner Yan Lu Chen

OPERATION HISTORY UTILIZATION
SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133(b), the Applicants make of record the Telephone Interview conducted in the above-identified application. The Telephone Interview was conducted between Examiner Tang of Art Unit 2151 and the Applicants' representative on August 5, 2008.

During the interview, the present invention as recited in independent claim 22 (i.e., as an exemplary independent claim) was discussed in detail. It was noted that independent claim 22 was amended to point out that a sequence of operations is converted into a sequence of functions, and the sequence of functions is used for predicting a user's behavior. The claim changes noted above were made to all the independent claims in the present application.

During the Telephone Interview, the Hoffberg reference was also discussed. It was noted that Hoffberg, at best, discloses the use of prior history data in order to extract "trends" or "rules," and discloses a climate control system based on learned complex behaviors of a user; such as an individual's movement in a dwelling. Thus, Hoffberg fails to disclose or suggest any "function" used as a generic concept of an "operation." Thus, Hoffberg fails to disclose or suggest converting a sequence of operations into a sequence of functions, and using the sequence

of functions for predicting a user's behavior, as in claim 22 (as amended).

At the conclusion of the Telephone Interview, the Examiner indicated that the further consideration would be given to the present invention based on the arguments presented during the Telephone Interview, and the arguments presented in the request for reconsideration filed on July 8, 2008. The Examiner also indicated that further search and consideration would be necessary before making a final determination regarding the allowability of the claims.

Based on the results of the Telephone Interview, the Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the arguments presented in the request for reconsideration filed on July 8, 2008, and withdrawal of the rejections in the Office Action dated April 10, 2008.

If the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiroshi KUTSUMI et al.

/Mark D. Pratt/
By: _____
2008.08.11 12:09:38 -04'00'

Mark D. Pratt
Registration No. 45,794
Attorney for Applicants

MDP/ats
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
August 11, 2008